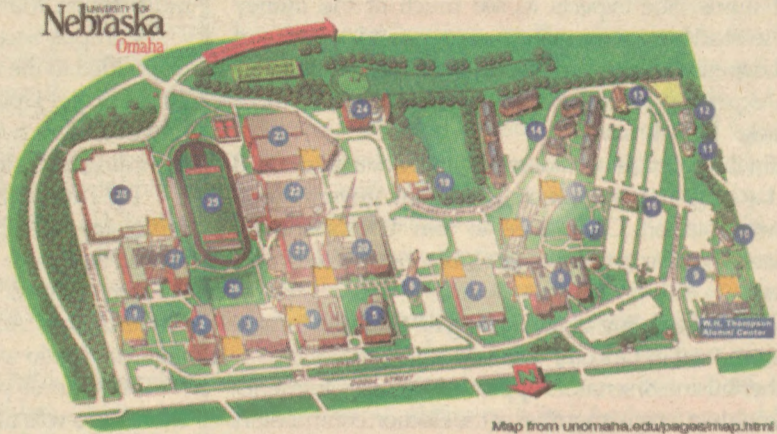


UN smoking ban?

Bans proposed in Nebraska, Iowa; Student Senate to look at compromise

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graphic by Pamela Bouterse

Eight "free smoking" zones would be chosen from 13 possible sites across UNO's campus if a resolution is passed by the Student Senate.

Finding a place to light up might become more complicated if proposed smoking bans are approved in coming weeks.

The Nebraska Legislature approved a statewide smoking ban on Friday, with senators voting 34-14-1 to approve Legislative Bill 395.

At press time, the bill was still awaiting approval by Gov. Dave Heineman. A veto override would require 30 votes – four fewer than the 34 votes in favor of LB 395 in the Unicameral.

The ban, which would go into effect on June 1, 2009, is modeled after the city of Lincoln's smoking ban. It would only exempt tobacco shops, some hotel rooms, laboratories used for smoking research and businesses in private homes other than licensed child care facilities.

Iowa is also considering a statewide smoking ban. The Associated Press reported Sunday that it was likely the Iowa Senate would approve the bill after the House approved a ban exempting casinos and private veterans organizations in a 56-44 vote last week.

UNO's Student Senate will also consider legislation, which will be introduced in committee on Thursday, that would limit the places students could smoke on campus.

Sen. Holly Byers (College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media) is the author of the resolution, which calls on UNO to limit smoking to eight areas,

which would measure 10 by 10 feet and be located at least 20 feet away from main sidewalks and pathways. Smoking in enclosed personal vehicles would be exempted.

The "free smoking" zones would be located across campus in places voted on by the student body.

Byers' resolution suggests 13 campus locations – as well as options "to be suggested by student poll" – of which eight locations would be selected by a two-week online polling of students. The locations would be marked off by red paint while ashtrays would be relocated only to those zones, according to a draft copy of the resolution.

Byers said it is not possible to walk across campus – for instance, from the Durham Science Center to the Arts and Sciences Hall – without dealing with second-hand smoke. She said there

were several Facebook.com groups devoted to people who dislike walking behind smokers on the way to class.

"With the Americans with Disabilities Act in mind, people with health conditions that are adversely affected by second-hand smoke should be reasonably accommodated," Byers said in an instant message. "Basically, what I'm doing is putting smoke-free zones in the same category as wheelchair ramps, and the rationale for those are clear."

Citing Omaha's partial ban on smoking and Creighton University's decision to go smoke-free starting this summer, Byers said there is already a trend toward placing limitations

on smoking in Nebraska. Byers also cited a poll conducted by student government during the 2006 student elections, where 926 students – 62.44 percent of voters – supported a campus-wide ban and 67.97 percent supported a ban in the main corridor of campus between Durham and Arts and Sciences.

That poll was the driving force behind the Criss Library's decision to ban smoking on the covered walkway in front of the building's main entrance. That ban started in January 2007 and is essentially voluntary – no enforcement mechanism exists to force students to comply with the ban.

"All my legislation can do right now is a courtesy ban like the one in front of the library – it is up to the administration to do the enforcing, and

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"I am against the smoking ban because I feel that it is an invasion of your rights, that you can't be prohibited from doing certain things. ... I don't smoke, but I'm still against it. I think we should have our rights protected and not taken away."

- MADELINE FREEMOLE



"I think the smoking ban is a great idea. I know it is peoples' right to smoke, but I don't think people who choose not to smoke should suffer because of it."

- BRIAN VAMOSI

Vice chancellor finalist once called 'autocratic,' defended by UF colleagues

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

One of four finalists for the senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs position was cited as having

an "autocratic management style" and a "pendant for micromanagement" by an accreditation report in 2005.

Terry Hynes was formerly the dean of the University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications. According to a report by the *Gainesville Sun* on Nov. 4, 2005, Hynes came under fire in a 43-page report by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

The ACEJMC found "an abiding and possibly intractable breach" between Hynes and the college's faculty, although it otherwise found little fault with the college, according to the *Gainesville Sun*.

The report also stated Hynes showed a "lack of adequate communication with faculty and administrators," "unwillingness to convey authority where it is expected," "lack of care for the welfare of graduate students" and "willingness to punish those who disagree with her."

Several members of the college's faculty objected to that characterization of Hynes, sending a letter at the time to the accreditation organization challenging the finding.

"All these people who had these issues kind of waited for that [opportunity]," said William McKeen, chair of the UF Department of Journalism. "I think she was a victim of a very small group of faculty in this college."

McKeen said he was the chair of the department for eight years of Hynes' 12-year term as dean. During that time, McKeen said they sometimes disagreed but he respected Hynes' leadership.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Deborah Smith-Howell, one of 16 representatives on the search committee for the vacancy, said she was aware of the report in the *Gainesville Sun* and that the committee had asked Hynes why she was no longer a dean.

After the accreditation report, Hynes stepped down as dean of the UF College of Journalism and Communication on July 1, 2006, accepting a position in the UF Office of University Relations. Hynes is currently dean emerita and a professor as well as the public outreach director for the UF Documentary Institute.

"It is a piece of information that people have known about, looked at and balanced," Smith-Howell said.

Smith-Howell also said the committee held a thorough conversation with each of the four candidates for the position. The committee also checked references, including off-list references from other people, in Hynes' case, from the University of Florida.

Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Sheri Noren Everts, the chair of the search committee, was unavailable for comment Friday afternoon.

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photo by Michelle Bishop

Swim team takes NCC Championship

Kristy Gmeiner, Tori Foreman and Ashley Barna cheer on Laura Kemp as she makes a turn during the 200-yard breaststroke during the NCC Championship Sunday night. UNO edged UND by one and a half points. See pg. 4 for details.

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Senators allocate \$6,000 for Student Government Days

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Student Senate held a short meeting Thursday evening to approve resolutions allocating money for a visibility event and a community service project. A resolution calling on the Nebraska Legislature to support election-day registration was also passed.

The first resolution appropriated \$150 to purchase supplies for sending thank-you letters and requested supplies to members of the Nebraska National Guard serving overseas. The senators plan to do that community service project during their committee meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the student government offices.

Senate Resolution 4 budgeted a maximum of \$6,000 towards Student Government Days, a visibility program to take place March 25 and March 26. The event will feature the Pancake Man, Mr. Pickle, other food giveaways, raffle prizes, a band and more.

Last year, senators allocated \$220 to fund pizza, coleslaw, soda and hot dogs for Student Government Week – the old name for the event. In 2006, senators allocated \$1,031.75 to sponsor the Pancake Man, an Olympic-style competition between the football and volleyball teams as well as rock band Maybe Next Year and a raffle to raise money for Hurricane Katrina relief.

"Basically, instead of having a whole week where we plan events, we're just going to do two days," said Legislative and Public Relations Officer Meg Mandy. "The main reason that the budget is so inflated is that up front cost for the Pancake Man."

Mandy requested more money than needed to make sure she wouldn't have to return to the senate to ask for increased funds. She expects to see much of the money returned to student government's reserve fund because of refunded deposits on equipment and the Pancake Man.

"I'm expecting to get two or three thousand of those dollars back," Mandy said.

The final resolution considered by the senate addressed election-day registration, directing student government's Government Liaison Committee to join UNL's student government's similar committee in lobbying the Nebraska Legislature.

"We've kind of being piggybacking off the [government liaison committee] in Lincoln," Mandy said.

In other business, senators approved two appointments: Ryan Reynolds, a former member of the election commission, was named a junior class senator and Christopher Reiss was named to the Student Publications Committee, which oversees the operation of the *Gateway* and its year-in-review magazine, the *Retrospect*.

News Brief: Altercation last week at MavRadio

TAYLOR MULLER
NEWS EDITOR

A fight was reported in the Milo Bail Student Center's radio station, MavRadio, on Wednesday afternoon.

Campus Security was notified at about 2 p.m. and responded to the reported fight, according to the Campus Crime Log. Upon arrival, no altercation was found, however the two students involved were identified, according to the log. No injuries were reported.

By Thursday, a sign was posted on the door to the radio station, saying that until further notice, MavRadio would be closed.

On Friday, Cultural Awareness Programs and Organizations Adviser Sharif Liwaru said he had heard that MavRadio would be reopening today.

At time of press, MavRadio General Manager Will Monestero was unavailable for comment.

For more information, pick up Friday's print edition of the *Gateway*.

News You Can Use

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Eating disorder awareness event to be held

Who: Sarah L. Ruma from Children's Hospital.

What: A discussion of eating disorders.

Where: Milo Bail Student Center Council Room.

When: Wednesday, Feb. 27, from noon to 1 p.m.

Why: More than 11 million Americans struggle with eating disorders.

How: Attend the event, at which light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Student Health Services at 554-2374.

Get tips on organizing midterm papers

Who: UNO Writer's Workshop consultants Sam Evans and Harley Trimble.

What: A workshop titled "From Chaos to Clarity: Strategies for Organizing Your Paper."

Where: Arts and Sciences Hall Room 150.

When: Today from noon to 12:50 p.m.

Why: To learn tips for writing academic papers.

How: Attend the event, which will offer cookies and coffee. For more information, contact Dorianne Richards at 554-3311.

Ambassador program seeking applications

Who: UNO Ambassadors Program.

What: Recruitment of 12 ambassadors for the 2008-09 academic year.

Where: Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs' office in Eppley Administration Building Room 202.

When: Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 14.

Why: Ambassadors receive a \$200 scholarship for the year they serve.

How: Criteria includes 27 credit hours earned by May 2008, a 2.5 GPA, full-time student status in 2008-09, superior communications skills and interest in serving UNO. For more information, call 554-2779 or visit unomaha.edu/ambassadors.

International banquet this weekend

Who: International Student Services.

What: International banquet, featuring a dance and popular music from around the world.

Where: Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom. Dance will take place in the Fireplace Lounge.

When: Saturday, March 1. Doors open at 6 p.m., banquet starts at 6:30 p.m. and the dance follows at 9:30 p.m.

Why: To get a taste of cuisine and view performances from around the world.

How: Purchase tickets (going fast) from the Milo Bail Student Center Business Office. Student tickets cost \$8, children 8-years-old and under is \$12 and public are \$25 per person.

Spring job fair next week

Who: Career Exploration and Outreach.


What: Semi-annual job fair featuring more than 110 employers seeking candidates for open positions and internships.

Where: Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom.

When: Tuesday, March 4, and Wednesday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Why: To help students interested in applying for jobs and internships meet potential employers.

How: Contact Career Exploration and Outreach at 554-3672 or Eppley Administration Building Room 211.



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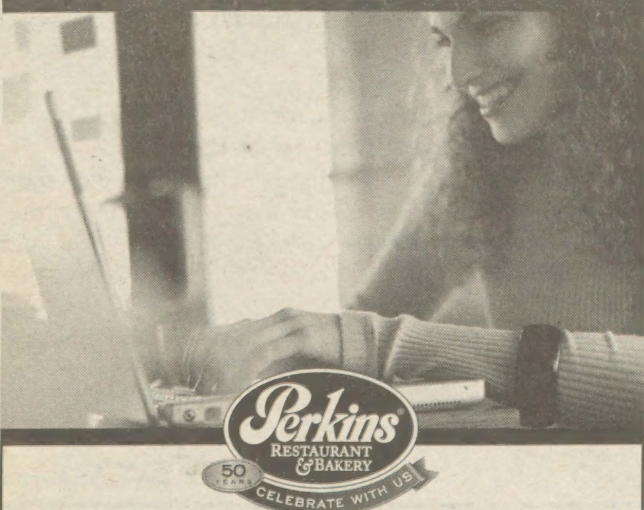
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Basketball teams play final conference road games Mav men rally to defeat N. Dakota Women fall again, lose to N. Dakota

KEVIN CLEMENS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The UNO men's basketball team came back from nine down at North Dakota Saturday night to win a close North Central Conference contest 96-88.

The win assured the Mavericks a first round home game in the NCC tournament on March 5.

The win over North Dakota sealed the first 20-win season of Head Coach Derrin Hansen's career at UNO. The Mavericks are now 20-5 overall and 6-4 within the NCC.

UNO encountered early foul trouble, and the Mavs found themselves down by seven in the early going.

UNO then pulled it together and held North Dakota to just one field goal in the last three minutes of the first half. The Mavs led 41-39 at halftime.

North Dakota came out fighting in the second half, taking a 59-50 lead with 13 minutes left in the game.

Hansen's Mavericks responded yet again, putting together an 11-0 run to pull within three. Then, Mitch Albers scored eight straight points for the Mavericks in a 14-2 run at the end of the game. The run sealed a season sweep of North Dakota for UNO.

The Mavericks are the second best team in Division II in free-throw percentage, and they showed it Saturday night in Grand Forks. UNO followed a lackluster two for six charity stripe performance in the first half by knocking down 31 of 34 shots in the second.

Albers led the Mavericks in scoring with 25 points, 19 of which came in the second half. The freshman drained seven of 10 from the field and nine of 10 from the charity stripe. He also had a team-high three steals.

Denny Johnston was perfect in the game, shooting five for five from the field and three for three from beyond the arc. He also led the Mavericks with seven assists.

Justin Peterson ripped down a double-double in the game with 17 points and 11 boards. He echoed Johnston's shooting display, going five for five from the field.

Jerry Bennett, UNO's force inside, added 20 points and nine rebounds.

UNO's leading scorer, Michael Jenkins, struggled with his shot throughout the game but used his passing ability to help the Mavericks get the victory. Jenkins had just four points but distributed six assists.

North Dakota's All-Conference senior Emmanuel Little was silenced Saturday night. Little had 12 points and four rebounds, down from his season average of 15.6 points and eight rebounds per game.

Ervin Youmans led North Dakota in scoring with 22 points.

The win puts UNO in a tie for third in the NCC with South Dakota. The Mavericks will finish out their regular season at home with games against Minnesota Duluth and Minnesota State, Mankato. Both of these teams beat the Mavericks earlier in the year.

UNO will face Minnesota Duluth Thursday, Feb. 28, at Sapp Fieldhouse at 8 p.m., and Minnesota State Saturday, March 1, at 4 p.m.

BRETT OSTRONIC
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The UNO women's basketball team has now dropped four in a row after an 88-64 loss in a hard fought game against No. 3-ranked North Dakota Saturday night.

With over 2,000 Fighting Sioux faithful on-hand, the Mavs were looking to play the role of spoiler. Early on, they were hanging tough with one of the toughest teams in Division II.

At the 6:08 mark in the first half, the two teams were neck-and-neck. After seven ties and five lead changes, the Mavs were trailing 24-23 and in striking distance of making a run at the end of the half.

But back-to-back 3-pointers by freshman guard Mallory Youngblut started a 19-7 run for the Fighting Sioux, who went into halftime with momentum and confidence.

After falling behind by 21 points midway through the second half, UNO's pride showed itself once again. Over the next five minutes, the Fighting Sioux lead had shrunk to 13.

But like all top-tier teams, the Fighting Sioux stood tall and held the Mavs scoreless for the last 5:55. UNO was left wondering "What if?"

This four-game skid is UNO's second of the season, and they have now lost nine of their last 12 games. A slide of this magnitude has not occurred since UNO Head Coach Patty Patton Shearer's inaugural season in 2004-05.

Offensively, UNO guard Alyssa Green

tallied a team-high 19 points and added four assists and four steals. Juniors Mary Brown and Cayla Hargrove combined for 20 points and hit four of seven from beyond the arc.

As a team, the Mavs shot a bitter 35 percent from the floor. And for the 16th time this season, UNO committed over 20 turnovers in a game.

On a brighter note in Mav-country, Shearer's club finished 20 of 25 from the free-throw line and broke UND's 36-game streak in which they've out-rebounded their opponent. The two teams split the rebounds at 38 apiece.

For UND, Youngblut came off the bench and scored a career-high 22 points, which included a season-high five 3-pointers. All-American senior center Ashley Langen manufactured her fourth straight double-double, scoring 18 points and pulling down 11 rebounds. Langen became the second-player in UND women's basketball history to score over 2,000 career points.

The Fighting Sioux improved their overall record to 24-2 and 9-2 in the North Central Conference.

The Mavs are now 16-10 overall and 2-8 in the NCC.

Up next, the Mavs will finish off their regular season with two home games. The first will be played Thursday night against Minnesota Duluth. Tip-off is slated for 6 p.m.

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Goodbye conference: Hello title

JASON SIBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

All hail the forever-defending North Central Conference champions.

Bellowing echoes of 2005 rang throughout the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building as the UNO Maverick swimming team overtook powerhouse North Dakota Sunday night to win the 28th and final NCC title 1,148 to 1,146.5.

The Fighting Sioux swimming and diving giants have now been topped in the NCC tournament twice in the last 25 seasons. Both losses came at the hands of UNO. Both

happened in the hostile waters of UNO's HPER pool.

Both came by a mere one and a half points.

Presumed by most to be in a battle for second, UNO took a giant step in that direction on day one. Maverick swimmers finished second in all four swimming finals on Thursday and found themselves trailing the Fighting Sioux by 25 points at day's end.

Friday, UNO proved to the fans, their competition and themselves that they were in serious contention for this crown. Wins by Lindsey Kline and Jessica Hessel helped UNO surpass North Dakota with just two days remaining.

"After the second day our coach [Todd Samland] started getting us pumped up," said senior Megan Guthmiller. "He gave us the confidence we needed."

North Dakota threw a counterpunch in day three with the aid of a 1-2 finish in the 100-yard backstroke. The Sioux had built a 71 and a half point lead with just one day remaining.

Way out in front of the other five teams in competition, UND and UNO had set the stage for a greater send off than any dying conference could ask for.

Hessel fired up her team in the Sunday morning preliminaries by setting the NCC 100-meter freestyle record

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photo by Michelle Bishop

Jessica Hessel hugs a teammate after the Mavs narrowly edged North Dakota for the final NCC title on Sunday.

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Regular indoor season ends for track team

SEAN OWENS
STAFF WRITER

The UNO track team traveled to Lincoln on Friday to compete in the final regular season event in the existence of the North Central Conference. Hosted by the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, the Prairie Wolf Invitational came just one week before the Mavericks travel to Mankato, Minnesota to defend their NCC title one last time.

The UNO women, as well as their fellow conference competitors, brought with them to Lincoln a determination to win.

The event, seemingly similar to many others before it, had a much greater significance than the season's earlier meets. This event marked the one-week window UNO had to prepare for the defense of the NCC title. It also marked the last time they would ever compete against their native NCC members in a regular season conference event.

"It was a good meet for us," junior sprinter Molly Belling said. "This was our last regular season meet before our conference and national meets, and I thought we did well."

Friday night was highlighted by the first-ever collegiate title for UNO freshman sprinter Anja Puc. The emerging young talent from Medvode, Slovenia, finished her day with a title in the 400-meter dash, with a time of 55.77, and a sixth-place finish in the 200-meter event. Her time of 25.28 in the 200-meter dash was just shy of a provisional qualifying time.



Anja Puc

"It was special for me to win because it was my first time to win here," Puc said. "It really felt good. I am really getting excited for the meets in Minnesota."

Other notable performances included a fourth-place finish in the triple jump by sophomore jumper Ashley Yates. The mark of 37-4 1/2 was a personal best for the Omaha native. Freshman jumper Shana Brown finished fifth in long jump with a mark of 17-7 1/2.

Belling finished sixth in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.82 seconds. Belling, an Omaha native, ran just her second event yesterday since her foot injury on Jan. 26. In her previous event, her return to competition, Belling posted a first-place finish in the 60-meter dash.

Belling realizes the talent around her and likes her team's chances to end the NCC indoor era with a great finish.

"We have some really good runners on our team," Belling said. "I'm glad to be on a team with great girls like we have. I really hold a high respect for all the girls I run with. We get along really well."

"We are a small team, but all of our athletes

in all the events are very competitive."

The attitude that Belling has rings true throughout the entire UNO track program. It's this attitude that UNO hopes to lean on heading into their final indoor experiences together as members of the NCC.

The conference championships in Mankato, Minn., will begin Feb. 29 and will be followed by the NCAA Division II championships in Mankato on March 14.

Road trip to Upper Peninsula drops Maverick hockey team to bottom of conference standings

CHARLEY REED
A&L EDITOR

What a difference a weekend makes.

After a split with the Bowling Green State Falcons, the Maverick hockey team was still clinging on to fifth place in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. The Mavs had a chance to face either Notre Dame or Michigan State if they could make it out of the first round of the playoffs.

Now, after a pair of losses to the Wildcats of Northern Michigan in their last conference games of the season, UNO is locked into eighth place.

Friday night, UNO was once again without the services of senior captain Bryan Marshall, who was injured before last Friday's game with Bowling Green.

The Mavs held even with the Wildcats until just over halfway through the first period when Jared Brown scored on the power play.

It was only five minutes later when Matt Siddall scored unassisted to give NMU a two-goal lead going into the second.

The Wildcats notched two more goals in the second, one from Mark Oliver at 11:48 and one from Erik Spady at 13:26. The four-goal lead caused Head Coach Mike Kemp to pull junior goaltender Jerad Kaufmann in favor of sophomore Jeremie Dupont.

Dupont hadn't played in a game since Dec. 30 against Princeton.

Freshman Nick Von Bokern notched a short-handed goal to cut the NMU lead to 4-1 at the end of the second period. Senior Brandon Scero notched the Mavericks' second goal just 1:15 into the third period.

But NMU fought back with two quick goals within ten seconds of each other to create a six-goal tally, which the Mavs couldn't overcome. They lost by a final score of 6-4.

Saturday provided a chance for UNO to regroup. The team looked to be on the right track after an early goal from senior Bill Bagron.

Another goal from freshman Joey Martin and a nation-leading 15th power-play goal from Mick Lawrence in the second period gave UNO a 3-1 lead.

Northern Michigan's Matt Siddall cut the lead to one going into the third period. Siddall then evened up the score at three each and forced an overtime period. The goal earned Siddall five points and two No. 1-star selections on the weekend.

A power-play goal from Billy Smith with less than two minutes left in the overtime period shocked the Mavs, denying them any chance of earning points in Marquette.

With that loss went any hope of finishing higher than

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Big night for Coen brothers, 'No Country' at Oscars

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A&L EDITOR

After Sunday night's Oscar presentation it was the critical favorite, "No Country for Old Men," which walked away with the most gold, including the night's biggest award: best picture.

Other nominees for the award included the dark character study "There Will Be Blood," the legal drama "Michael Clayton," the off-beat comedy "Juno" and the romantic period piece "Atonement."

Additional big winners of the evening included "The Bourne Ultimatum," which walked away with three technical awards and "There Will Be Blood," which won best cinematography and best actor for Daniel Day-Lewis' performance as oil baron Daniel Plainview.

On the other hand, "Michael Clayton" got the short end of the stick, winning only one of the seven categories it was nominated for.

In its 80th installment, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' award ceremony was hosted by "Daily Show" host Jon Stewart, who helped guide audience members and viewers through the past eight decades of awards.

After revisiting the glory of past award winners, it would be time for the champions of 2008 to shine. In

addition to Day-Lewis' best actor award, the veteran's second (he won for "My Left Foot" in 1990), French actress Marion Cotillard gave a tearful acceptance speech after winning the award for best actress for her performance in "La Vie En Rose." The award was only the second time a non-English-speaking role earned an Oscar.

"Thank you life, thank you love," Cotillard said. "It is true that there are some angels in this city."

The night's biggest surprise came about halfway through when first-time nominee Tilda Swinton bested favorites Cate Blanchett ("I'm Not There") and Ruby Dee ("American Gangster") for her role in "Michael Clayton." Javier Bardem joined Swinton as winner of the best supporting actor award for his role as Anton Chigurh in "No Country for Old Men." The award was also Bardem's first Oscar. He was previously nominated for best actor in 2001 for his role in "Before Night Falls."

"Thank you to the Coens for being crazy enough to think that I could do that and put one of the most horrible haircuts in history on my head," Bardem said with a laugh upon receiving the award.

Oddly enough, each of the four acting awards was given to European actors. Day-Lewis and Swinton are British, Cotillard is French and Bardem is a Spaniard.

Bardem's award was the first of the four for "No Country For Old Men." The drama also racked up awards for best director" and best adapted screenplay," both accepted by the siblings Joel and Ethan Coen.

Some other key awards of the evening included the animated film "Ratatouille" winning for best animated feature, newcomer Diablo Cody winning for her original screenplay work in "Juno" and Robert Elswit's cinematographic work in "There Will Be Blood."

There were very few surprises at this year's Oscars, especially considering the previous two years had dark-horse candidates winning the best picture prize.

However, it's hard to find fault with any of this year's selections. "No Country for Old Men" and "There Will Be Blood" was in all honesty a coin flip of a selection, pun intended. The acting categories were all on the money and the more artistic awards were evenly distributed among the second-tier films like "Sweeney Todd" and "Atonement."

But enough with discussing old news; even with this year's Oscar ceremony only a few days old, it's never



Daniel A. Anderson/Orange County Register/MCT
Ethan (left) and Joel (right) Coen earned three Oscars each during Sunday's Academy Awards. The duo won Best Director, Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Picture for their film "No Country for Old Men."

too early to look at what films could be in contention for 2009.

Of this year's nominees for Best Picture, only "Michael Clayton" was released before November. This trend would seem to indicate the best bets for 2009 will be released later this year and early next year.

Some obvious buzz-worthy films are "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," a David Fincher ("Zodiac," "Fight Club") film that reunites the director with Brad Pitt and "Revelation Road," where "American Beauty" director Sam Mendes directs Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet in their first role together since the 1997 best picture winner, "Titanic."

Some other possibilities include the film "Brothers" about a man who comforts his brother's family after he goes missing in Afghanistan and "Australia," from "Moulin Rouge" director Baz Luhrmann about the bombing of Australia by the Japanese in World War II starring Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman.

Some other potential sure things include a post-humus nomination for Heath Ledger's performance in "The Dark Knight," a best animated feature nomination for Pixar's "WALL-E" and some independent, but well-financed, film you've never heard of capturing the academy's attention long enough to dash any hopes of it winning a big award.

But just remember the best part of the Oscars isn't the pomp and circumstance of awards being handed out, it's the journey of seeing great films and remembering that there is always something new to discover in the world of motion pictures.



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French actress Marion Cotillard won the "Best Actress" award for her performance in the film "La Vie En Rose."

A REVIEW BY CHARLEY REED - A&L EDITOR

'There Will Be Blood' a triumphant showcase of acting, directing talent

If you're looking for a film to reaffirm your faith in humanity, then Paul Thomas Anderson's "There Will Be Blood" is not for you. However, if you're looking for one of the best-acted, best directed and thought-provoking movies of the year, the Daniel Day-Lewis-led character study by the director of "Magnolia" and "Punch-Drunk Love" fame is a modern masterpiece.

"There Will Be Blood" is based on the novel "Oil!" by Upton Sinclair, whose novel "The Jungle" raised awareness of abject working conditions in Chicago's meat-packing plants. While "Oil!" is told from the point of view of an oil tycoon's son, "There Will Be Blood" is entirely based around Day-Lewis' character Daniel Plainview.

Plainview, a self-made oil baron, is capitalizing on the early 20th-century oil boom when a young man named Paul Sunday (Paul Dano) offers Plainview a tip about land his family owns which he believes is brimming with oil.

Plainview manages to secure the land from Sunday's father Abel, but Paul's brother Eli, also played by Dano, is a faith healer whose views and actions ultimately clash with Plainview's take-no-prisoners attitude. The nearly two-and-a-half-hour film chronicles Plainview's desire for power and the people he tramples over in order to get it. While the film is slow at times, Day-Lewis's performance is simply captivating, as is that of the 23-year-old Dano, who does admirably in matching the veteran actor.

There is no real plot to this film; rather, it is entirely character driven. Much like Plainview himself, whether you like the film or hate it, you can't help but be affected.

My final judgment on "There Will Be Blood" will require a second viewing. But, for now, I'm willing to go out on a limb and make it my choice for the best film of the 2007.



A REVIEW BY RYAN J. WILCH - CONTRIBUTOR

'Be Kind Rewind' a humorous film but does not reach true potential

Let it be known that from the beginning of "Be Kind Rewind," writer/director Michel Gondry requires the audience to put aside any logical thoughts concerning the plot. For one, although the film is set in the present, the "Be Kind Rewind" video and "Thrifty Shop" rents only VHS movies.

After discovering that the city has condemned the location and plans for condominiums to be placed on the site, the store's owner, Mr. Fletcher (Danny Glover), leaves his surrogate son, Mike (Mos Def), in charge while he goes out to research the not-so-new technology of DVDs in hopes to save his business.

While Mr. Fletcher is away, Mike's friend, Jerry (Jack Black) unknowingly becomes magnetized during an attempt to sabotage the local power company and accidentally erases all of the tapes in the store. Mike and Jerry decide to create their own renditions of popular films to rectify this error.

While funny, the film suffers from bipolar disorder. Mike and Jerry's filmmaking is a comedic subplot that could be removed entirely and wouldn't drastically affect the ending. Gondry spends more time on Mike and Jerry's remakes than he does exploring the real story: Mr. Fletcher's dilemma. Add stories about a dead jazz musician and the motion picture industry's anal-retentive views of copyright infringement and you get one convoluted mess that is, on one hand charming and the on the other, frustrating.

Another major flaw is the film's underlying moral dilemma of community versus gentrification. It seems that Gondry hopes the audience doesn't recognize the film exploring the problems of national distribution will one day be available world-wide on ... (gasp) DVD! As a result, an otherwise humorous film loses itself in a convoluted message resulting in a final product not exactly sure what it is trying to be.



Finch unleashes screamo powers, tears the Sokol Underground apart

REVIEW BY
SEAN DARRELL
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The stage was set, the fans were ready to let loose and anxiety was at its highest point of the night when the lights went out in the Sokol Underground for the last time on Feb. 21.

The crowd crammed its way as close to the stage as possible while the front row screamed at the sight of several figures entering from behind the black curtain. Finch guitarists Alex Linares and Randy Strohmeier took the stage followed by frontman Nate Barcalow, newcomers bassist Daniel Wonacott and Drew "Dawggy" Marcogliese on drums.

The entire crowd exploded into screams as each member took to their instrument.

The screams amplified as the opening chords of "Post Script" resonated from the amplified sound system. Finch delivered a high-energy shot of adrenaline into the fans as everyone started leaping, waving their fists and 'metal horns' in the air.

The ending riff of "Post Script" was just the beginning as it transitioned in to "Letters to You" and then directly into the next song.

Barcalow may have taken a breath and a drink of water, but only for about 10 seconds before belting out the next wave of screams.

The wailing lyrics from the five-foot, five-inch, 130-pound singer was passionate and unwavering and proved his heart was once again back into the band's music.

Finch played six songs off its album "What it is to Burn" and two songs off the "Say Hello to Sunshine" album. Finch even threw in the song "Worms of the Earth," which was recorded for the "Underworld" movie soundtrack, and a new song titled "Chinese Organ Thieves," a great preview of the album in the works.

After the end of "What it is to Burn," the crowd pleaded for an encore, shouting "one more song" over and over until Finch re-entered the stage.

Strohmeier said that they had to come back because the crowd loved them so much and continued with an untitled song from the album "What it is to Burn" before ending the show.

After the show, all of the members exited the backstage and joined the crowd for pictures and autographs; something that is missing from most mainstream, headliner bands that play in Omaha.

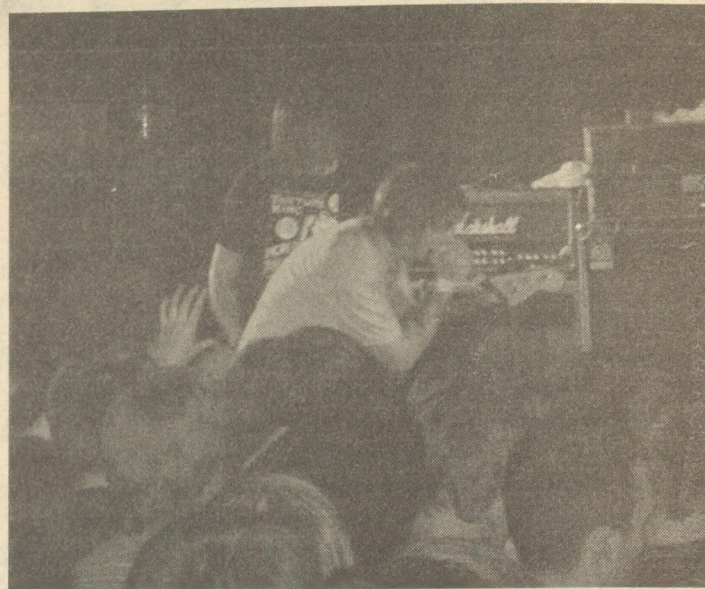


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Finch's lead singer, Nate Barcalow, screams passionately into the microphone during the band's show at the Sokol Underground.

The concert was a seriously good time and should not have been missed by anyone who considers themselves a screamo fan.

From **HYNES: Page 1**

Returning to campus

Hynes was scheduled to make a second visit to campus yesterday. She was the only one of the four candidates for senior vice chancellor of academic and student affairs to be invited back for a second visit. All four candidates conducted initial campus visits in January.

Smith-Howell said that Hynes was invited back to campus by Chancellor John Christensen's office.

The other three candidates are Charles D. Hurt, former provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin at River Falls; Gordon McQuere, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan.; and Suzanna Ortega, vice provost and dean of the Graduate School at the University of Washington.

During her first visit on Jan. 24 and Jan. 25, Hynes said that public universities need to be engines of the economy, and she stressed the importance of affordability, quality instruction and collaboration, especially with Omaha-area businesses.

"Having a highly educated work force works well with all the goals that we have," Hynes said during her public

forum on Jan. 24.

Hynes also said she had a "collaborative administrative style."

"As an administrator, too, though, I will also say I believe ... I have sometimes had to make decisions that were not very popular," Hynes said.

'Utterly fair, decent'

McKeen said Hynes is "anything but one-dimensional," and that she could hold a conversation about rock music, literature or any other type of art.

While working under Hynes for eight years, McKeen said she was "utterly fair, decent" in her dealings with faculty.

"I thought she was a very good, hard-working dean," McKeen said. "I always thought she had great skills as a leader."

When the ACEJMC report came out, McKeen said Hynes showed a lot of emotional and professional courage in how she handled the fallout.

"She took a lot of good, hard questioning and took it well, gracefully," McKeen said. "In some ways, if she had a

fault, she tried too hard to make everyone happy."

McKeen also emphasized Hynes' decision to hire faculty members based on their professional credits rather than strict academic merit. Under Hynes, the UF journalism program hired several individuals, including a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer.

One of those individuals was Mike Foley, who worked for the *St. Petersburg Times* for 30 years before accepting a master lecturer position at the University of Florida, where he teaches news reporting and writing.

"She recognized the value of 30 years experience," Foley said. "She hired me, and I will be forever grateful."

Foley said he found Hynes to be a problem-solver and that he felt the ACEJMC report was "overly harsh" in its assessment of Hynes.

"Some people said she was a micromanager. ... She didn't micromanage," Foley said. "[That has] not been my experience with her at all."

News Editor Taylor Muller contributed to this report. Look for additional coverage of Hynes' second campus visit in Friday's issue of the Gateway.

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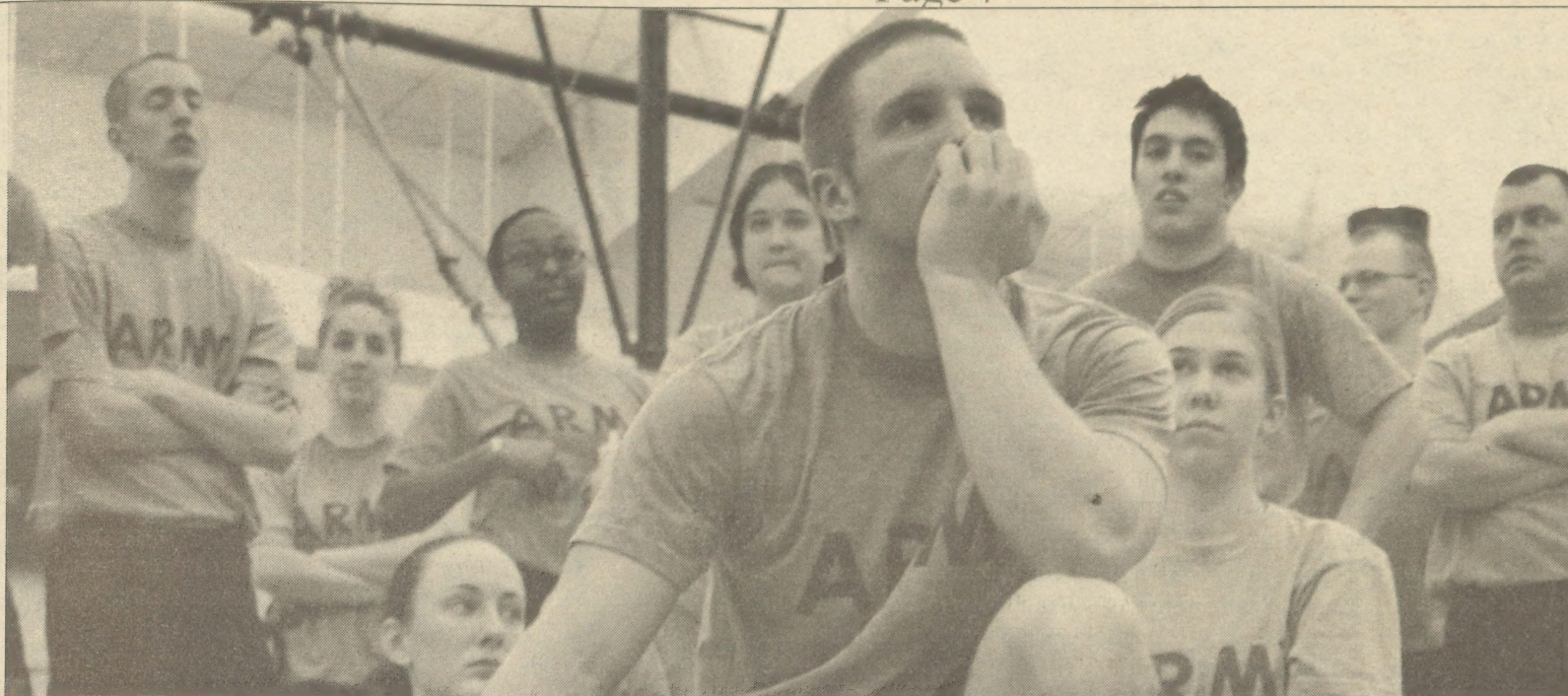
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The majority of people in the UNO ROTC program are destined to go to Iraq or Afghanistan. But that isn't guaranteed. The training for ROTC takes four years and elections can dramatically shift U.S. military deployments overseas.

Murphy said he thinks that for many of the soon-to-be graduates, the Middle East is a likely destination. However, the people who will be graduating in four years, their future is ambiguous and could come down to who is placed in the White House.

photo by Bill Wendll

UNO ROTC program provides opportunity

MIKE BELL
CONTRIBUTOR

"We're training leadership skills," said Major Dennis Murphy, the enrollment and scholarship officer of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

The ROTC program is a college elective that students can take to help train them for all branches of military service other than the Coast Guard. While enrolled, students are taught a variety of skills, from problem solving methods, to combat tactics and even how to handle explosives.

The Creighton/UNO ROTC program was created in 1919 and has trained more than 2,300 officers since its inception. Of the 85 cadets currently enrolled in the program, 35 of them are students at UNO.

One such Maverick is Robin Bruce, a senior majoring in international studies.

"I joined because a lot of my family is in the army. I grew up with it," Bruce said. "I plan on working in an embassy after this."

Indeed, the ROTC has been part of the U.S. military since 1916, but the idea of including training in public colleges was first introduced with the Morrill Act of 1862.

By the 1980s, there were Army ROTC units at 300 colleges and 800 high schools and Air Force ROTC at 150 colleges.

The ROTC programs of the army, navy and air force had a total enrollment of about 100,000 students in the 1990s. Not all of those ROTC cadets intended to be there, though.

"Actually, I joined by mistake," said Ian Linderman, an air transport management major.

Linderman said he was going to enlist in the Army, but took a shot at a scholarship without any real hope of attaining one. To his surprise, he was accepted.

"But it's great," Linderman said. "The group I'm in does the more advanced physical training. We do more push ups, longer runs. For instance, we do actual pull-ups instead of just climbing the ropes."

Linderman's reason for enrolling in ROTC is different than other students.

"The reasons are different. Students seeking financial aid are the reason why most people enlist, along with just wanting to take on military service," Murphy said. "Most of the cadets from UNO are here for the financial benefits because of how expensive college can be, and because they didn't qualify for scholarships out of high school."

Through the program, students are eligible for scholarships from two, three or even four years that total \$4,500 per year, with another \$1,200 per year just for books. The courses count as college credits and if they go on active duty after they graduate, they will receive monthly checks on top of what they would normally earn for just enlisting.

"I've always had a strong interest in the military. I wanted to go reserves, but decided that being an officer meant more opportunities and even more respect," said Lauren Kurfman, a history major, military science minor. "The amount of stuff we learn – from tactical thinking to shooting M-16's – it's just fun. Especially the field training exercises in the woods, like the rappel tower."

Shawn Rezek, a criminal justice major, also spoke of his enjoyment of the field training.

"Riding in the Black Hawk helicopter is just incredible," Rezek said. "The new perspective you gain

from these experiences just makes it really worthwhile."

Rezek said he joined because it is a good way to pay for school and because of the benefits after college.

"And it's a good way to stay in shape," Rezek added.

Zach Appleby-Leo, an electronic engineering major, said he, like the 84 cadets, has to perform rigorous exercises in the morning before the sun even rises.

"Getting up this early in the morning is a whole new experience," Appleby-Leo said. "I do plan on serving full-time after graduation."

After graduation, the cadets are guaranteed a full-time job at a starting salary of about \$43,000 annually. Within four years, cadets could make up to \$75,000 a year.

In addition, there are fully funded graduate opportunities available to further one's education in medical school, physical therapy, law school, etc.

A great asset for those willing to learn while enrolled is to learn foreign languages.

While most high schools and colleges just require some Spanish, the ROTC pays for students to take the harder languages to learn, specifically Chinese, Arabic and Japanese. By doing this, students receive \$400 a month for each foreign language they learn.

"There is a cultural immersion program," Murphy said. "We send cadets to whatever foreign country for free so they can learn the ways of the people there. The higher you rank after training, the better the chance you have of getting to go where you picked, depending on your GPA and the results from the fitness and leadership tests."

Contributor Mike Bell will be imbedded in on-the-site training along with other ROTC cadets. Look out for his in-depth article in the April 22 issue of the *Gateway*.

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I am confident they will do so," Byers said.

When asked what sort of enforcement she would like to see, Byers said she favored requiring the extinguishing of cigarettes in non-smoking zones rather than issuing tickets or other penalties.

"I don't want to make this a contentious issue for anybody," Byers said. "After all, this is a compromise."

With smoking restrictions on campus and likely statewide bans in both Nebraska and Iowa, UNO students might soon find themselves with far fewer places to smoke.

Counselor Todd Waltemath, who works in UNO's alcohol and other drug education program, said he hopes Nebraska's statewide ban would encourage students to quit smoking.

However, Waltemath was not optimistic that a statewide ban alone would make people quit. After Omaha implemented its partial smoking ban on October 2006, he expected an influx of students looking to quit, but that never happened.

"It stayed pretty much the same. ... I didn't notice anything last time," Waltemath said. "I think the things that really motivate

people are on a more personal level."

Director of Student Health Services Marcia Adler said she thought Nebraska's ban would probably impact social smokers most.

"I know those people who are dabbling in smoking – if it's not acceptable in the places you're hanging out, the behavior stops," Adler said.

Adler said she was delighted by the ban because Nebraska rarely addresses public health issues.

"I think it's a wonderful first step," Adler said. "I just hope we can keep the momentum going so that Nebraska has the ability to change."

Alder cited Nebraska's limited mental health resources, nonexistent adult eating disorder programs and the fact that people are born with medical disorders because of a lack of access to health care as some issues the state still needs to address.

"I struggle every day just trying to get kids' basic needs. ... I think it's a sin," Alder said. "We need to help people understand that if we can't have health care for everyone, it has serious consequences."

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with a time of 51.11. North Dakota's Carissa Gormally broke Hessel's record in Friday night's 100-meter free, a heat in which Hessel finished second, but by then UNO had regained the momentum and was just 1.5 points off the lead.

The intensity in the building hit overdrive during Heat C of the 200-meter breaststroke finals. UNO Senior Adrienne Losee went up against two North Dakota swimmers and captured seven crucial first-place points. Carrie Murphy and Laura Kemp turned in second and third place finishes respectively in Heat A to put the Mavs back out in front.

With only the 400-meter freestyle relay remaining, North Dakota was nipping at UNO's heels. Just 9.5 points separated the two teams, which meant UNO needed to finish two spots ahead of UNO in the relay to assume its familiar role as champion.

Needless to say, the UNO relay team of Kline, Katey Howarter, Guthmiller and Cait Hopkins had some nerves to contend with.

"We were freaking out," Guthmiller said. "But it was an easy thing to get pumped up for."

As if there was any doubt, the meet's final swim came down to North Dakota and UNO.

After Guthmiller finished the third leg, the Mavericks and the Fighting Sioux were neck-and-neck. In the end, North Dakota edged out UNO by six one-hundredths of a second. UNO had lost by the slimmest of margins, but they had nabbed the second-place finish they needed to become the last champions of the NCC.

The post-meet ceremonies provided UNO swimmers and their fans with more reasons to celebrate. Coach Samland was named NCC Coach of the Year, Kemp was named NCC Freshman of the Year and Kristy Gmeiner was named NCC Newcomer of the Year.

Samland and his program will now embark on a new set of challenges, as they will be moving with the rest of UNO's Division II athletics programs to the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association for the 2008-09 season.

The Mavs will be back in the competition in October – as the forever-defending NCC champions.

Laura 'Piece' Kelley brings motivational brand of hip hop to UNO students

photos by Bill Wendl

COMMENTARY BY
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"If you believe it then be it and live it or let it be."

These words were spoken to UNO students on Feb. 21 by Seattle-based poet Laura "Piece" Kelley Jahn.

Jahn was brought to UNO by the Student Organizations and Leadership Programs with the support from the Nebraska Arts Council, a government-funded organization supporting the arts. Jahn spoke about the culture of hip hop and its impact on her life.

"Hip hop was my safe place on the street," she recounted during the event.

She explained that hip hop is not a cultural art, but a culture in its own. But amazingly enough, Jahn is more than just words.

Jahn has been lecturing and touring for almost six years. She has performed for HBO's "Def Poetry Jam" for three seasons. She was even awarded the title of Seattle's Grand Slam Champion in 2004.

Jahn, a 10th-grade high-school dropout, is currently working on an honorary PhD. She has spent time working with juvenile delinquents to teach them the power of words and provide them with creative outlets versus returning to violence.

She is currently spending a second term as Arts Commissioner in Seattle and has been a hip-hop educator for eight years. She teaches that hip hop has an unspoken non-violence clause. Poetry, a part of hip hop, is political

and can be the voice of the people.

"The power of the pen [is] the only thing more fierce than a double-sided sword," she said.

Jahn's view is that poetry is about perception. She aims to make long-term changes and that change starts with being an equal.

One poem that Jahn performed spoke about human equality and manifesting destiny. She spoke of an invisible two-sided mirror. With this mirror you see not only yourself, but those on the other side.

She also spoke of what it is like to be bi-racial, and who her people are, in a poem titled "Grey."

Jahn says her cultural influences range from Saul Williams to Stevie Wonder, Mos Def and Miles Davis. Poetic influences include Maya Angelo, Gil Scott Heron and Langston Hughes. But according to Jahn, more than anyone, her grandmother is an influence. Her grandmother has been a jazz pianist since she was young, and Jahn recently produced her grandmother's first album.

A poet, emcee, vocalist, producer, educator, activist, street healer and artist, Jahn really is a piece all on her own.

"Because hip hop is a youth born, youth sustained cultural art, it is important for us to examine the messages in music," Jahn explained. "We need to be aware of how commercialization and programming influences our belief systems. It is the responsibility of young people to reclaim our media."



Internationally-known break-dancing group the Massive Monkees performed in front of a packed audience in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Dance Lab as part of a pair of Black History Month events. The Student Organizations and Leadership Programs also invited poet Laura Piece Kelley Jahn, director James Spooner and held a cultural mixer as well. (Left) Massive Monkees member Gulli Raza after their Friday night performance. (Below) D.V. One scratches on turntables while the Seattle-based group Massive Monkees performs head spins and impressive dance moves.

From **HOCKEY**: Page 4
eighth in the CCHA.

Having played two more games than most of the other teams in the league, UNO can only sit and watch as the other teams finalize the standings. The University of Alaska, which has also finished its season, sits below UNO at ninth place with 20 points and can not catch UNO in the standings. The only question left for UNO is whether

they will be facing Alaska or either Lake Superior State or Ohio State, two teams who are tied at 17 and can mathematically overtake Alaska.

But before the team can worry about who they might face, UNO is left with several questions heading into the playoffs -namely the date of the return of Marshall and who the go-to goaltender is.

If UNO manages to win its first-

round series, a trip to Michigan, Miami or Michigan State will prove daunting. UNO is 1-7-0 against those teams this year.

Each opponent would make it extremely hard for UNO to improve on its recent record in the playoffs. The last time UNO made it past the second round of the playoffs was nearly eight years ago, when the team made its miracle run to the CCHA championship in 2000.

UNO starts its playoff preparations on the road Tuesday against Minnesota State, Mankato, before returning home on Saturday to face the U.S. National Under-18 Team. The puck drops at 7:37 p.m. CST Tuesday and 7:05 p.m. CST Saturday. Tickets for Saturday's game are free for students but can otherwise be purchased by calling the athletic department box office at 554-MAVS.

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